

# Heterogeneous Chemistry of $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$ and $\text{HOCl}$ on Frozen Natural Sea Salt, Recrystallized Sea Salt, $\text{KCl}$ and $\text{NaCl}$ Solutions at 200 and 215 K

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The  $\text{HOCl}$  heterogeneous reaction on frozen natural (NSS) and recrystallized (RSS) sea salt,  $\text{KCl}$  and  $\text{NaCl}$  solutions was studied using a low pressure flow reactor in order to measure the uptake coefficient  $\gamma$  and products of reaction. The  $\text{HOCl}$  sample used in these experiments always contained up to 25%  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  which was also studied separately as a pure gas in order to understand the heterogeneous chemistry of both gases. By performing  $\text{HOCl}$  uptake on frozen NSS solution at 200 K and a gas-phase residence time of  $(1.6 \pm 0.6)$  s we obtained a steady state uptake coefficient  $\gamma_{\text{HOCl on NSS}} = (2.5 \pm 0.7) \times 10^{-3}$  and  $\gamma_{\text{Cl}_2\text{O on NSS}} = (2.8 \pm 0.8) \times 10^{-3}$ . On frozen  $\text{KCl}$  solution at 200 K we obtain  $\gamma_{\text{HOCl on KCl}} = (2.8 \pm 1.3) \times 10^{-3}$ , identical to NSS, and  $\gamma_{\text{Cl}_2\text{O on KCl}} = (4.6 \pm 0.8) \times 10^{-4}$ . The main product formed during the uptake on frozen NSS solution is  $\text{Cl}_2$  which is sustained for at least one hour. In contrast, only a transient  $\text{Cl}_2$  flow (pulse) decreasing on the time scale of 100 s was observed on frozen  $\text{KCl}$  ( $\text{NaCl}$ ) solution. 25±10 % of the  $\text{HOCl}$  taken up on all chloride-containing frozen substrates at 200 K react to produce  $\text{Cl}_2$  at high  $\text{HOCl}$  concentration ( $4.5 \times 10^{11}$  molecule  $\text{cm}^{-3}$ ) and at a residence time of 1.6 s in comparison with twice that for  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$ . For smaller concentrations such as  $[\text{HOCl}] = 3.7 \times 10^{10}$  molecule  $\text{cm}^{-3}$  and/or a shorter residence time ( $0.137 \pm 0.004$  s),  $\text{HOCl}$  uptake did not generate  $\text{Cl}_2$  in contrast to  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$ . A single  $\text{Br}_2$  burst event was monitored when a  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  or  $\text{HOCl}/\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  mixture is taken up on fresh frozen NSS solution during the first uptake at 200 K. Further  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  or  $\text{HOCl}/\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  uptake on the same sample, even after annealing at 240 K does not show an additional  $\text{Br}_2$  pulse. This  $\text{Br}_2$  release may be significant in the autocatalytic ozone destruction mechanism in the troposphere during polar sunrise. Some of the atmospheric implications of the present results are highlighted with emphasis on the preequilibrium  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}(\text{ads}) + \text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{ice}) \rightleftharpoons 2 \text{HOCl}(\text{ads})$  between adsorbed  $\text{HOCl}$  and  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$ , with the latter being the gateway to reactive uptake of  $\text{HOCl}$  at low temperatures.

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## 1. Introduction

Essentially complete ozone loss is frequently observed in the boundary layer of the Arctic in the springtime [1]. Field measurements revealed that the ozone concentration decreases by approximately a factor of ten in a few hours [1] which seems to be correlated to a local maximum of [BrO] during sunrise [2–4]. This event has been called polar sunrise chemistry and has been associated with the presence of bromine containing species collected on filters. This suggests that bromine-containing species such as Br, HBr and HOBr play a leading role in the mechanisms of O<sub>3</sub> destruction. Moreover, there is experimental evidence from the field that chlorine atom concentrations are also elevated during these ozone-depletion periods owing to the observed chlorination of naturally occurring hydrocarbons that is consistent with the presence of an important marine halogen source [5]. Recent experimental results have confirmed the presence of Br and Cl precursor concentrations on the tens to hundreds of ppt level such as Br<sub>2</sub> [6,7], BrCl [6], HOBr, Cl<sub>2</sub> and HOCl [7]. Therefore, the search for an explanation of the underpinning chemical mechanism has focussed on catalytic cycles of Br which is well known from studies of global and polar stratospheric ozone depletion and is displayed in reactions (1) to (3):



Owing to the extremely short time scale of ozone destruction in polar sunrise chemistry the search for a mechanism has focussed on autocatalytic processes that include a degenerate chain branching step and are similar to combustion or explosion of hydrocarbon fuels, hence the alternative term “bromine explosion” for the description of polar sunrise chemistry. An autocatalytic process is one where one or more of the resulting reaction products are catalysts for the reaction under study in contrast to a case where a catalyst is added externally. A number of possible chemical reactions listed in reactions (4) to (7) including photochemistry involving aqueous sea salt (marine aerosol) [8,9] or frozen sea salt solution [10] have been proposed in order to explain the extremely short time scale of ozone loss, the chlorination of hydrocarbons and the postulated high halogen free radical concentration in the polar region which can attain values of up to  $10^5 \text{ Cl}^\bullet \text{ cm}^{-3}$  [11,12].





During polar sunrise, a significant part of Br<sub>2</sub>, Cl<sub>2</sub> and BrCl may be generated by heterogeneous chemistry of HOCl and HOBr which are mainly formed from the homogeneous gas phase reaction of OH and XO (X = Cl, Br) radicals, reaction (8):



The formation of HOX (X = Cl, Br) compounds contributes therefore towards a temporary reservoir of halogen compounds activated by their heterogeneous reactions on sea salt aerosol and/or frozen sea salt according to reactions (4) and (5) [11–13].

The autocatalytic nature stems from the fact that one Br atom, once reacted to HOBr following reaction (8), is able to volatilise marine bromide from sea spray aerosols or from frozen sea salt following reaction (5) and thereby form two potentially active Br atoms after photolysis of the precursor Br<sub>2</sub>. It is the catalyst and needs to be present in only minute concentrations. This amounts to degenerate chain branching afforded by a heterogeneous reaction and continues until the BrO concentration is sufficiently high such that the catalytic cycle (reactions (1) to (3)) will take over. The rate determining step of the autocatalytic mechanism is the formation of HOBr in reaction (8) and is superseded by reaction (3) once the reaction has switched from autocatalytic to catalytic. The mechanistic investigations have mainly focussed on the role of Br rather than Cl because of faster heterogeneous reaction rates of HOBr [14]. In addition, there are potential complications with HOCl because it is unstable with respect to its anhydride Cl<sub>2</sub>O which is also reactive with marine halides X<sup>−</sup> as shown below.

Sea salt deposited on the polar snow pack may contribute to the conversion of halogen reservoir molecules to reactive species by heterogeneous processes that deplete the ice/salt surface. This process competes with similar heterogeneous reactions that involve deliquescent sea salt aerosols. Only when the heterogeneous reactions (4) and (5) of HOBr on ice and snow are included does the simulation of tropospheric ozone destruction agree with field measurements through halogen activation [15]. However, only few data are available for HOCl heterogeneous reactions on marine aerosol and sea ice in comparison to uptake experiments of HOBr or HOCl performed on solid substrates [16–20].

It was suggested that HOCl could be an important temporary reservoir for chlorine in the marine boundary layer because it reacts very slowly with ozone ( $k^{\text{II}} < 4.0 \times 10^{-16} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ) [21] and does not react with hydrocarbons. Despite the fact that HOCl has never been measured in the dark winter season in the polar boundary layer, it may in principle be formed by radical recombination (8) [22]. The absorption coefficient of HOCl is given in the literature [23,24] within the critical 300–380 nm wavelength region and leads to a photolysis lifetime of less than one hour using the measured photodissociation rate constant at the surface of the earth. This short lifetime suggests that HOCl

is an ineffective chlorine reservoir under solar radiation but in turn could be effective in the arctic region during the winter season in the absence of actinic radiation.

Huff and Abbatt performed uptake experiments of HOCl(g) in a laminar low pressure flow reactor in which the walls were coated with a frozen NaCl solution at 233 K [25]. They used  $[\text{HOCl}] = 3 \times 10^{12} \text{ cm}^{-3}$  at a total pressure of He between 1 and 2 Torr and concluded that HOCl is unreactive on frozen sea salt. We took this work as a starting point of the present contribution towards the knowledge of heterogeneous reactions of HOCl which has not been as thoroughly investigated as HOBr owing to the fact that the role of HOCl in polar sunrise chemistry is less clear than for HOBr. In addition, the equilibrium between HOCl and  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$ , the latter of which is currently of no atmospheric interest, and the anticipated reactivity of both components on liquid and frozen halide solutions make this a chemical system that we wished to investigate further. The observational evidence for HOCl is fairly weak for the troposphere, however, it has been unambiguously identified in the middle and lower stratosphere in satellite IR and FIR spectrometry [26]. Recently, the rate constant of reaction (8) has come under debate in the interest of obtaining a satisfactory fit to HOCl profiles obtained by satellite measurements [26].

We present here kinetic results of HOCl uptake mainly on frozen KCl and natural sea salt (NSS) solutions at 200 and 215 K that are in the range of relevant temperatures during the polar winter in the MBL. In addition, the products of reaction released into the gas-phase were monitored in order to quantify the rate at which gas-phase HOCl is converted to  $\text{Cl}_2$ , the precursor for chlorination of naturally occurring hydrocarbons. We also focussed on differences between HOCl uptake coefficients measured on frozen KCl, recrystallised sea salt (RSS) and natural sea salt (NSS) solutions as well as products formed. In addition, we tested the role of acidity for the formation of products both on NSS and KCl frozen solution.

## 2. Experimental setup

Experiments were performed in a Teflon-coated low pressure flow reactor that is suited for the measurement of heterogeneous process. A detailed description of this technique has been given elsewhere [28]. Briefly, the Knudsen flow reactor is mounted on a differentially pumped high vacuum chamber equipped with a cryogenic and a turbomolecular pump. A given number of molecules are injected into the reactor by a glass capillary inlet before effusing out of the escape orifice after a lifetime  $\tau$  ( $1/k_{\text{esc}}$  ( $\text{s}^{-1}$ ) with  $k_{\text{esc}}$  being the measured escape rate constant  $/\text{s}^{-1}$ ) to form a modulated (thermal) molecular beam by a rotating chopper located in the upper chamber. The quadrupole mass spectrometer signal is then processed by a digital lock-in amplifier in order to separate the contribution of the molecular beam from the background gas phase.

**Table 1.** Escape rate constants  $k_{\text{esc}}$  of HOCl, Cl<sub>2</sub> and Cl<sub>2</sub>O measured at 300 K and typical gas concentrations [G] for the 4 and the 14 mm diameter escape aperture.

Escape aperture (mm)	$k_{\text{esc}} (\pm 0.2 \text{ s}^{-1}) / [\text{G}] \times 10^{11} \text{ molecule cm}^{-3}$		
	HOCl	Cl <sub>2</sub>	Cl <sub>2</sub> O
4	0.6 / 4.5	0.5 /	0.4 / 2.7
14	7.3 / 0.37	6.3 /	5.7 / 0.19

In order to measure the uptake coefficient  $\gamma(\text{HOCl}, \text{Cl}_2\text{O})$  on the frozen substrates we quantitatively measured the HOCl and the Cl<sub>2</sub>O molecules that have been taken up as a function of time. To this end, steady state experiments were performed in the low pressure flow reactor using concentrations ranging from  $10^{10}$  to  $10^{12}$  molecule  $\text{cm}^{-3}$ . An initial flow rate  $F_{\text{in}}$  (molecule  $\text{s}^{-1}$ ) is admitted into the reactor and after a short transition time, the effusive flow rate  $F_{\text{out}}$  equals the incoming flow rate  $F_{\text{in}}$  if no chemical loss is admitted, that is when the sample compartment is isolated from the inflow. The residence time  $\tau$  and the gas concentration may be varied by changing either the flow or the size of the escape orifice. When the sample compartment is open to the flow, part of the gas is lost on the substrate resulting in a competition between the escape rate ( $k_{\text{esc}}N$ , with  $N$  being the total number of gas molecules in the reactor) and the rate of loss ( $k_{\text{loss}}N$ ). At steady state we obtain the following balance:

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = F_{\text{in}} - Nk_{\text{esc}} - Nk_{\text{loss}} = 0 \quad (9)$$

Rearrangement of equation (9) leads to equation (10) which relates the ratio  $F_{\text{in}}/F_{\text{out}}$  to the escape rate constant  $k_{\text{esc}}$  and results in the heterogeneous loss rate constant  $k_{\text{loss}}$ :

$$k_{\text{loss}} = \left(\frac{F_{\text{in}}}{F_{\text{out}}} - 1\right)k_{\text{esc}} \quad (10)$$

Commonly, we used a normalised form of  $k_{\text{loss}}$ , namely the uptake coefficient  $\gamma$  that expresses the probability that a molecule colliding with a surface is captured. We defined  $\gamma$  simply by the first order loss rate constant  $k_{\text{loss}}$  divided by the frequency of collision  $\omega$  in  $\text{s}^{-1}$ . In addition,  $k_{\text{esc}}$  was measured by monitoring the exponential decay rate of the MS signal by halting  $F_{\text{in}}$  in the absence of substrate. The escape rates  $k_{\text{esc}}$  were measured for the different escape apertures, namely for the 4 and 14 mm diameter orifices (Table 1). The concentration of a gas  $G$  was calculated by using the initial flow rate  $F_{\text{in}}$  and the measured  $k_{\text{esc}}$  using the expression  $[G] = F_{\text{in}}/V_{k_{\text{esc}}}$  with values summarized in Table 1. HOCl, Cl<sub>2</sub>O, Cl<sub>2</sub> and Br<sub>2</sub> were monitored at  $m/e$  52, 51, 70 and 160, respectively.

## 2.1 Sample preparation

Three types of salt samples were used, namely KCl (NaCl) (Fluka, purity > 99.5%), recrystallized sea salt RSS (Hawaiian Salt, Honolulu, PA AKAI INC.)

and NSS (sel de Guérande, DIEPAL-NSA) which is a natural non-processed sea salt obtained by pan evaporation (open air). Solutions of KCl (NaCl), NSS and RSS were made from the dissolution of salts in bidistilled water (35g/L) and subsequent filtration in order to mimic the salt concentration of sea water [29]. The salt solutions were degassed in a vacuum line by performing two freeze-pump-thaw cycles before pouring the salt solution, typically 5 ml, into the gold coated copper cryogenic support that is described elsewhere [30]. Subsequently, the temperature of the salt solution was decreased at a rate of  $0.2 \text{ K s}^{-1}$  down to 200 or 215 K in order to produce frozen sea salt [27]. All frozen solutions were cooled down following the same procedure. In fact, different ice preparation methods led to different uptake kinetics in the past [31]. It is known that the cooling rate affects the halide distribution in the bulk and on the surface of ice [32]. If the freezing rate is slow bulk ice will concentrate most of the salt on the substrate surface by segregation processes. However, in an atmospheric context sea water freezes too quickly to allow segregation of halide from the bulk. In some cases, KCl (NaCl) solutions were acidified using a commercial buffered solution containing 0.068 M NaOH, 0.056 M citric acid and 0.044 M NaCl to buffer the frozen salt solution at pH = 4 in order to study the effect of acidity on the rate of  $\text{Cl}_2$  formation.

## 2.2 HOCl and $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$ synthesis

$\text{Cl}_2$  was admitted to a vessel containing HgO powder (Fluka, puriss > 99.0%) held at 77 K which was kept for 24 hours at 190 K to allow the following reaction to occur:



$\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$ , absorbing at  $\lambda < 700 \text{ nm}$ , was transferred to a trap containing approximately 2 ml of frozen bidistilled water at 77 K that was subsequently warmed in a water bath to ambient temperature. The cherry-colored  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  liquid reacts with liquid water to produce HOCl(l) upon  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  hydrolysis according to reaction (12).

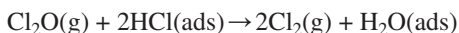
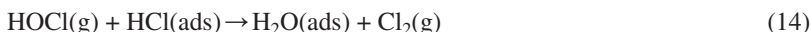
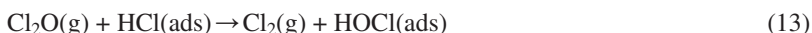


The HOCl sample was kept at 190 K as a stock solution for further use.

## 2.3 Calibration procedure

Because HOCl is in equilibrium (12) with  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$ , increasing concentrations of HOCl will shift the equilibrium towards  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  under static conditions. In order to limit the formation of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$ , we pumped on the sample in order to lower the total pressure. Even under those non-equilibrium conditions  $25 \pm 10 \%$  of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  remained in the HOCl sample. At these experimental conditions the flow rate measurement of HOCl into the flow reactor ( $F_{\text{in}}(\text{HOCl})$ ) could not be performed

by observing the pressure drop in the calibrated volume because the pressure in the vacuum line is under 50 mTorr which is too small for a reliable pressure measurement using an absolute Baratron gauge (MKS Baratron 122AA-00010AB). In order to calibrate the MS signal for HOCl, a titration was performed on a vapor-deposited ice substrate. In contrast, the impurity Cl<sub>2</sub>O has been calibrated in the usual way by measuring its pressure drop in a calibrated volume as described in the literature [31]. In order to enable the titration of HOCl, Bulk (B) ice was prepared at 200 K in the cryogenic support device [30]. Subsequently, we deposited an amount of HCl on B ice in excess over HOCl before isolating the sample by sealing off the sample compartment. The HOCl source was held at 197±1 K under differential pumping conditions by using a roughing pump protected by a cold trap. A steady-state flow of HOCl was established into the flow reactor and was allowed to react with the HCl/ice sample. The gas phase HOCl and the Cl<sub>2</sub>O impurity are titrated by excess adsorbed HCl following reactions (13) and (14):



The same titration procedure was performed for pure Cl<sub>2</sub>O. This leads to the conclusion that for each Cl<sub>2</sub>O taken up, two Cl<sub>2</sub> were released to the gas phase. In addition, we believe that HOCl(ads) generated in reaction (13) is converted to Cl<sub>2</sub>(g) in reaction (14). By using these reactions for the titration of the HOCl/Cl<sub>2</sub>O mixture, the calibration constant for HOCl is given by equation (15).

$$K_{\text{cal}}^{(\text{HOCl})} = \frac{K_{\text{cal}}^{(\text{Cl}_2)} I^{(\text{Cl}_2)} - 2K_{\text{cal}}^{(\text{Cl}_2\text{O})} I^{(\text{Cl}_2\text{O})}}{I^{(\text{HOCl})}} \quad (15)$$

where  $I^{(\text{X})}$  and  $K_{\text{cal}}^{(\text{X})}$  are the measured MS signal and the calibration constant for the molecule X (X = Cl<sub>2</sub>, Cl<sub>2</sub>O, HOCl), respectively. The absolute calibration for the Cl<sub>2</sub> mass signal was obtained from authentic samples of pure Cl<sub>2</sub>.

### 3. Results and discussion on Cl<sub>2</sub>O and HOCl uptake

#### 3.1 Uptake kinetics of HOCl and pure Cl<sub>2</sub>O on bulk ice at 200 K

The HOCl sample used in the present work inevitably contains up to 25% Cl<sub>2</sub>O following equation (12). It is likely that the Cl<sub>2</sub>O “impurity” in HOCl does not correspond to the equilibrium fraction because the mixture was not let to equilibration under the used experimental conditions. Consequently, we need to take into account the presence of Cl<sub>2</sub>O by performing uptake experiments of pure Cl<sub>2</sub>O on all studied substrates as a reference in order to provide a comparison for

the uptake experiment of the HOCl/Cl<sub>2</sub>O mixture. Before performing uptake experiments on the frozen salt solution, we have studied the uptake of pure Cl<sub>2</sub>O and the HOCl/Cl<sub>2</sub>O mixture on bulk (B) ice from frozen liquid water [31].

The uptake coefficient  $\gamma$  for the HOCl/Cl<sub>2</sub>O mixture on bulk ice is  $\gamma_{ss}(\text{HOCl}) = (5.5 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{-4}$  and  $\gamma_{ss}(\text{Cl}_2\text{O}) = (5.3 \pm 0.6) \times 10^{-4}$ , respectively. For uptake of pure Cl<sub>2</sub>O, we obtain  $\gamma_{ss}(\text{Cl}_2\text{O}) = (2.8 \pm 0.7) \times 10^{-4}$ , lower by a factor of two compared to the mixture. These results directly follow from displays in Figures 9 and 10 (see Appendix). These uptake experiments show that  $\gamma_{ss}$  for each component of the HOCl/Cl<sub>2</sub>O mixture is similar while pure Cl<sub>2</sub>O uptake results in a  $\gamma_{ss}$  value smaller by a factor of two compared to the simultaneous measurement of  $\gamma_{ss}(\text{Cl}_2\text{O})$  and  $\gamma_{ss}(\text{HOCl})$ . It seems that Cl<sub>2</sub>O uptake on pure B ice is accelerated by HOCl, perhaps by hydrogen bonding owing to the presence of adsorbed HOCl.

In addition, we note (Figure 9) that no product was formed for the HOCl/Cl<sub>2</sub>O mixture at 200 K. Conversely, in the case of pure Cl<sub>2</sub>O uptake, slow HOCl formation and Cl<sub>2</sub>O decomposition to Cl<sub>2</sub> occurred (Figure 10) as displayed in equations (16) and (17):

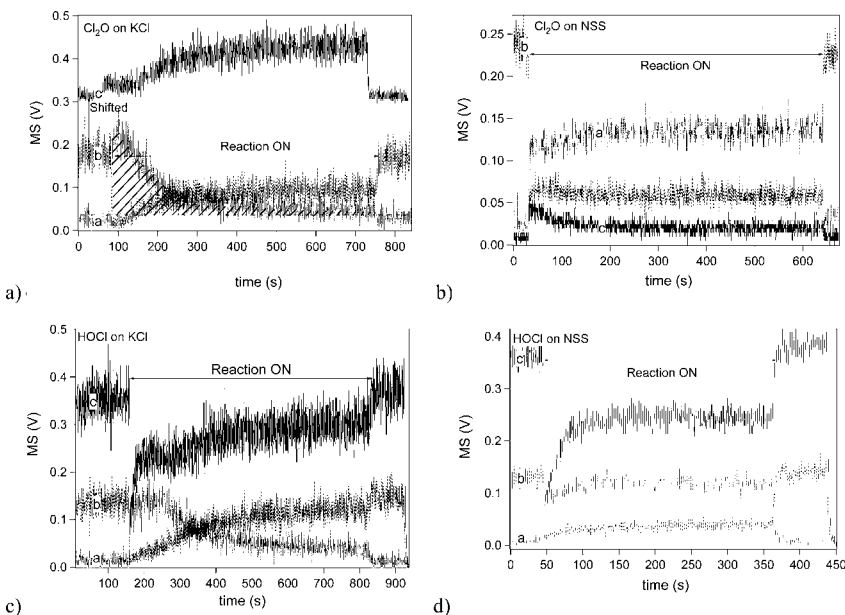


This shows that HOCl and Cl<sub>2</sub>O are not rapidly converted to Cl<sub>2</sub> on pure B ice at 200 K. These reference experiments performed on Bulk (B) ice enable the comparison of the conversion efficiency of HOCl and Cl<sub>2</sub>O to Cl<sub>2</sub> on frozen salt solutions performed under the same conditions. The chosen HOCl and Cl<sub>2</sub>O concentrations are high in order to enable observation of the possible formation of Cl<sub>2</sub>, namely  $4.5 \times 10^{11}$  and  $1.5 \times 10^{11}$  molecule cm<sup>-3</sup>, respectively. In the absence of any major product formation we conclude that the uptake of both HOCl and Cl<sub>2</sub>O is non-reactive and leads to adsorption of both gases on the surface of ice. Without investigation of the condensed phase we are unable to state on the possible inverse of reaction (12) upon HOCl adsorption.

### 3.2 Pure Cl<sub>2</sub>O uptake on frozen KCl and NSS solution at [Cl<sub>2</sub>O] > 10<sup>11</sup> molecule cm<sup>-3</sup>

Figure 1a (upper left panel) displays a Cl<sub>2</sub>O uptake experiment on frozen KCl solution as a function of time using [Cl<sub>2</sub>O] =  $2.3 \times 10^{11}$  molecule cm<sup>-3</sup> corresponding to  $F_{in}(\text{Cl}_2\text{O}) = 1.7 \times 10^{14}$  molecule s<sup>-1</sup>. This is similar to the concentration of the Cl<sub>2</sub>O impurity found in the used HOCl/Cl<sub>2</sub>O mixture. When the frozen KCl solution is exposed to Cl<sub>2</sub>O at  $t = 80$  s, a transient production of Cl<sub>2</sub> is observed that is accompanied by a continuous production of HOCl reaching a steady state level at  $t = 400$  s. In contrast, the Cl<sub>2</sub> production is decreasing to a





**Fig. 1.** a) and b) represent Cl<sub>2</sub>O uptake performed on frozen KCl and NSS solution, respectively, at 200 K and using the 4 mm diameter escape aperture. c) and d) represent HOCl uptakes performed on frozen KCl and NSS solution, respectively. The dotted line (trace a) represents Cl<sub>2</sub>, the hashed curve is Cl<sub>2</sub>O (trace b) and the solid curve is the HOCl (trace c) MS signal. In a)  $F_{\text{Cl}_2\text{O}} = (1.7 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{14}$ , in c)  $F_{\text{HOCl}} = 7.6 \times 10^{14}$  and  $F_{\text{Cl}_2\text{O}} = 1.9 \times 10^{14}$  molecule s<sup>-1</sup>. In b)  $F_{\text{Cl}_2\text{O}} = (1.9 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{14}$  and in d)  $F_{\text{HOCl}} = (9.0 \pm 0.3) \times 10^{14}$  and  $F_{\text{Cl}_2\text{O}} = (2.1 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{14}$  molecule s<sup>-1</sup>.

low steady state level after the primary burst, presumably because of the accumulation of OH on the surface according to reactions (12), (18) and (19):



Uptake experiments of pure Cl<sub>2</sub>O were also performed on frozen NSS solution at 200 K for which a typical uptake is shown in Figure 1Ib for [Cl<sub>2</sub>O] given in Table 1. At  $t = 30$  s, the plunger is lifted and the substrate exposed to Cl<sub>2</sub>O which leads to steady state formation of Cl<sub>2</sub> accompanied by slow formation of HOCl. This steady state formation of Cl<sub>2</sub> displayed in Figure 1b is in contrast to the corresponding uptake of Cl<sub>2</sub>O performed on KCl frozen solution (Figure 1a). Cl<sub>2</sub>O uptake was also performed on frozen NaCl and RSS solution which show identical behaviour in terms of kinetics and formation of products to frozen KCl

solution. This is in contrast to uptake of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  on NSS that is characterized by sustained formation of  $\text{Cl}_2$  and slow formation of  $\text{HOCl}$ . The major difference between NSS and RSS frozen solution is that NSS contains fatty acids, polyfunctional partially oxidized organics or humic acid-like substances (HULIS) [33] that may affect the formation of  $\text{Cl}_2$ . We believe that NSS is sufficiently internally buffered to be able to neutralize the resulting hydroxyl ion in reaction (18) so as to support a sustainable formation of  $\text{Cl}_2$ . In contrast, the formation of  $\text{Cl}_2$  comes to a halt in unbuffered frozen solutions such as KCl and RSS because the halide displacement resulting in  $\text{Cl}_2$  is a general acid catalyzed reaction requiring the presence of  $\text{HOCl}$  rather than  $\text{ClO}^-$ . Alternatively, NSS may contain organic matter that is easily oxidized by either  $\text{HOCl}$  or  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  thereby reducing the chlorine to  $\text{Cl}_2$ .

### 3.3 Mass balance for pure $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$ uptake

After each uptake experiment, the substrate is isolated from the reactive gas in order to halt the reaction and measure the flow rate. The area of the MS signal corresponding to the reactant lost or product formed was evaluated and leads to the number of molecules taken up or produced during the reaction. As an example, the dashed area in Figure 1a corresponds to the yield of  $\text{Cl}_2$  on the time scale of the experiment. After the experiment, the surface was annealed at 240 K in order to measure desorbed products at 240 K.

The mass balance from Figure 1a between  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  uptake on frozen KCl solution and product formation may be expressed as follows:  $7.3 \times 10^{16}$   $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  molecules were taken up against production of  $8.4 \times 10^{16}$   $\text{HOCl}$  and  $4.9 \times 10^{16}$   $\text{Cl}_2$  molecules produced (see Table 5). After uptake, the frozen solution was annealed at 240 K resulting in the desorption of  $1.6 \times 10^{15}$   $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  corresponding to approximately 2% of the total  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  initially taken up. However, an important fraction of adsorbed  $\text{HOCl}$  is collected during thermal desorption corresponding to  $2 \times 10^{16}$  molecules. During thermal desorption, no  $\text{Cl}_2$  was measured even if the plunger was lowered for 20 minutes in order to let the frozen film react. Consequently, no delayed  $\text{Cl}_2$  production is observed in the isolated sample compartment.

The mass balance expressed per chlorine atom is established including the products of desorption listed in Table 5 for  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  uptake according to equation (20) where the brackets correspond to molar yields:

$$2 \times (\text{Cl}_2\text{O}_{\text{taken up}}) = \text{HOCl}_{\text{produced}} + \text{HOCl}_{\text{desorbed}} + 2 \times (\text{Cl}_2\text{O}_{\text{desorbed}}) + (\text{Cl}_2)_{\text{produced}} \quad (20)$$

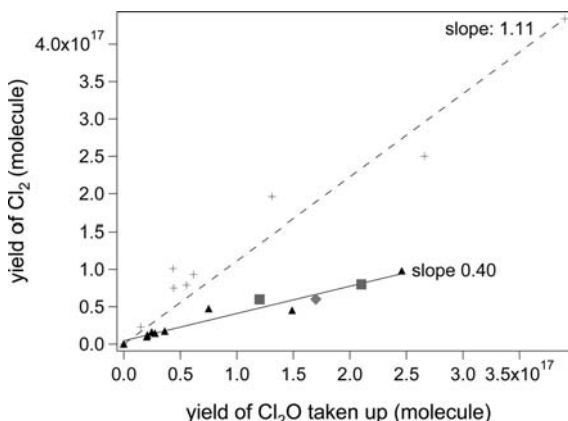
In equation (20), we assume that for each  $\text{Cl}_2$  produced, one  $\text{Cl}^\bullet$  came from the  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  source while the second  $\text{Cl}^\bullet$  was contributed as halide from the salt substrate surface.

The chlorine mass balance displayed in Table 5 between Cl dosed and recovered is excellent, namely  $1.46 \times 10^{17}$  Cl dosed vs.  $1.56 \times 10^{17}$  Cl recovered. This

means that all chlorine deposited is recovered from the KCl frozen solution held at 200 K for initial [Cl<sub>2</sub>O] > 1 × 10<sup>11</sup> molecule cm<sup>-3</sup>. The data taken from Figure 1a and Table 5 reveal that 4.9 × 10<sup>16</sup> Cl<sub>2</sub> were produced which means that 4.9 × 10<sup>16</sup> surface (or near-surface) chloride ions were consumed. The ratio of the surface Cl<sup>-</sup> to the total chlorine taken up is 4.9 × 10<sup>16</sup> / 2 × 0.73 × 10<sup>17</sup> = 0.33 ± 0.05 which means that 33% of the deposited Cl from Cl<sub>2</sub>O react with Cl<sup>-</sup> at the substrate interface on frozen KCl solution at 200 K for [Cl<sub>2</sub>O] > 10<sup>11</sup> molecule cm<sup>-3</sup> (see Table 5, next to last column).

The same mass balance check was performed for pure Cl<sub>2</sub>O uptake at 200 K on NSS frozen solution and again leads to excellent agreement between deposited and recovered chlorine as displayed in Table 5 as well. As an example, data on Cl<sub>2</sub>O uptake on NSS frozen solution at 200 K for [Cl<sub>2</sub>O] > 10<sup>11</sup> molecule cm<sup>-3</sup>, displayed in Figure 1b are summarized in Table 5. In Figure 1b, 1.41 × 10<sup>17</sup> Cl<sub>2</sub>O were taken up whereas 0.97 × 10<sup>16</sup> HOCl and 1.96 × 10<sup>17</sup> Cl<sub>2</sub> were generated. Thermal desorption led to 3.7 × 10<sup>15</sup> Cl<sub>2</sub>O and 7 × 10<sup>16</sup> HOCl. Using equation (20) we obtain excellent agreement between dosed and recovered chlorine (2.82 × 10<sup>17</sup> vs. 2.83 × 10<sup>17</sup> molecule). The ratio of the unreacted to dosed Cl<sub>2</sub>O is approximately 2.5%, and approximately 70 ± 7 % of the deposited chlorine reacts with surface Cl<sup>-</sup>. We note an important relative increase in surface reactivity of Cl<sup>-</sup> to Cl<sub>2</sub> in going from frozen KCl to NSS solution at 200 K for [Cl<sub>2</sub>O] > 10<sup>11</sup> molecule cm<sup>-3</sup>.

The yield of Cl<sub>2</sub> on frozen KCl and NSS solution was plotted in Figure 2 as a function of Cl<sub>2</sub>O taken up for several experiments. Figure 2 shows that the yield of Cl<sub>2</sub> per Cl<sub>2</sub>O taken up is larger on frozen NSS than on KCl solution at 200 K. As an example, 1 × 10<sup>17</sup> Cl<sub>2</sub> have been produced on NSS compared to 0.3 × 10<sup>17</sup> on KCl, NaCl and RSS frozen solution for 1 × 10<sup>17</sup> Cl<sub>2</sub>O taken up. This difference in slope is consistent with the fast rate of formation of Cl<sub>2</sub> and the slow rate of formation of HOCl as displayed in Figure 1b. It results in a slope of 1.11 ± 0.30 displayed in Figure 2. In contrast, the experiment displayed in Figure 1a shows a slow rate of formation of Cl<sub>2</sub> and a fast rate of formation of HOCl resulting in a slope of 0.40 ± 0.11 in Figure 2, a factor of 2.8 lower than NSS. Apparently, the rates of formation of Cl<sub>2</sub> by surface halogen exchange with chloride and formation of HOCl by hydrolysis are competing against each other in Cl<sub>2</sub>O uptake at 200 K. The predominant formation of Cl<sub>2</sub> from pure Cl<sub>2</sub>O on frozen NSS may be either explained by oxidation of organic matter and concomitant reduction of Cl<sub>2</sub>O or by predominant reverse disproportionation (or halogen exchange). Hydrolysis of Cl<sub>2</sub>O resulting in HOCl is apparently not competitive and therefore represents the minority channel on NSS. In contrast, on frozen KCl salt solutions the competitive situation is reversed with the hydrolysis channel

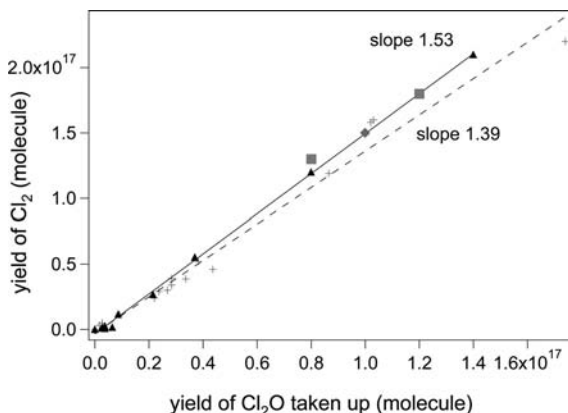


**Fig. 2.** Correlation between the yield of  $\text{Cl}_2$  and  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  taken up. Uptake experiment of pure  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  on frozen KCl (▲), NSS (+), NaCl (◆) and recrystallized RSS (■) solution at 200 K for  $[\text{Cl}_2\text{O}] = 2.7 \times 10^{11} \text{ molecule cm}^{-3}$ . Each point corresponds to a separate experiment and the integration time is  $700 \pm 50 \text{ s}$ .

being dominant and the oxidation/reduction channel being outrun by hydrolysis, perhaps owing to the absence of organic matter in the KCl salt solution.

### 3.4 Uptake of the $\text{HOCl}/\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$ mixture on frozen KCl and NSS solution

The uptake of the  $\text{HOCl}/\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  mixture on frozen KCl and NSS solution has been measured relative to pure  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  uptake. Figure 1c shows a typical uptake experiment of a  $\text{HOCl}/\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  mixture on frozen KCl solution as a function of time at 200 K for  $[\text{HOCl}] > 10^{11} \text{ molecule cm}^{-3}$ . At  $t = 160 \text{ s}$ , the plunger is lifted and a constant rate of formation of  $\text{Cl}_2$  is observed to 250 s, after which the  $\text{Cl}_2$  rate of formation decreases. In contrast, the uptake of a  $\text{HOCl}/\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  mixture on frozen NSS solution reveals a continuous formation of  $\text{Cl}_2$  upon lifting the plunger at  $t = 50 \text{ s}$  (Figure 1d). The formation of  $\text{Cl}_2$  remains constant during more than one hour (data not shown). Repetitive uptake experiments of  $\text{HOCl}/\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  mixtures on fresh and poisoned frozen KCl solutions are displayed in Figures 11a and 11b, respectively. It appears that the  $\text{Cl}_2$  yield is smaller for frozen KCl solution that has already been exposed to the  $\text{HOCl}/\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  mixture compared to the fresh substrate. Furthermore, the  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  uptake (Figure 11a and 11b, trace (b)) saturates at 250 s for a poisoned substrate whereas it saturates after 400 s on a fresh frozen KCl solution. Despite the saturation of the  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  uptake  $\text{Cl}_2$  formation is still on-going at  $F(\text{Cl}_2) = 3 \times 10^{13} \text{ molecule s}^{-1}$ . The only possible source for the production of  $\text{Cl}_2$  is therefore  $\text{HOCl}$  uptake from the  $\text{HOCl}/\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  mixture at a flow rate of  $1 \times 10^{14} \text{ molecule s}^{-1}$ . On a relative basis, for ten  $\text{HOCl}$  taken up, three are converted to  $\text{Cl}_2$  while seven stay adsorbed on the substrate and will be recovered during thermal desorption at 240 K in mass balance experiments.



**Fig. 3.** Correlation between the yield of Cl<sub>2</sub> and Cl<sub>2</sub>O taken up. Uptake experiment of the HOCl/Cl<sub>2</sub>O mixture on frozen KCl solution (▲), NSS (+), NaCl (◆) and recrystallized sea salt (■) at 200 K for [HOCl] =  $4.5 \times 10^{11}$  molecule cm<sup>-3</sup>. Each point corresponds to a separate experiment and the integration time is  $700 \pm 50$  s.

#### *Role of acidity on frozen KCl solution*

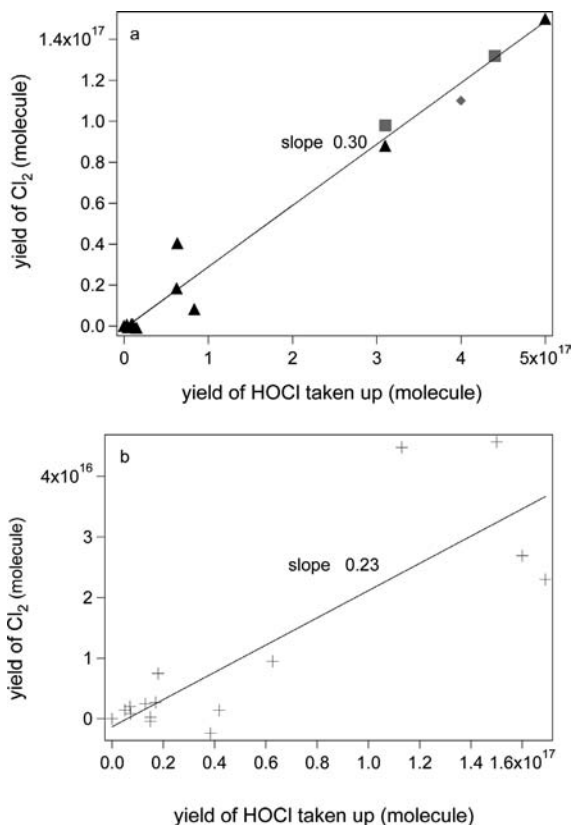
In order to find out how acidity could affect the yield of Cl<sub>2</sub> formation, we have performed uptakes of HOCl/Cl<sub>2</sub>O mixtures on buffered frozen KCl solutions at 200 K and pH = 4 for [HOCl] >  $10^{11}$  molecule cm<sup>-3</sup> as displayed in Figure 12. The formation of Cl<sub>2</sub> remains nearly constant during uptake of the HOCl/Cl<sub>2</sub>O mixture on the buffered frozen KCl solution akin to neutral frozen NSS solution as shown in Figure 1d. In fact, the buffered solid allows the neutralisation of OH<sup>-</sup> produced in reaction (18). Buffering is obviously not necessary for sustaining Cl<sub>2</sub> formation on frozen NSS solutions, presumably owing to their natural buffering capacity. As long as acidity is available to neutralize OH<sup>-</sup> (reaction (18)), it prevents the neutralization of HOCl that would accumulate non-reactive hypochlorite salts on the frozen KCl surface and thereby poison the surface with respect to further reaction of both HOCl and Cl<sub>2</sub>O.

#### *Mass balance for the uptake of the HOCl/Cl<sub>2</sub>O mixture on frozen KCl and NSS solution*

The mass balance was also checked for the uptake of the HOCl/Cl<sub>2</sub>O mixture on frozen KCl and NSS solution using equation (21):

$$2 \times (\text{Cl}_2\text{O}_{\text{taken up}}) + (\text{HOCl}_{\text{taken up}}) = (\text{HOCl}_{\text{desorbed}}) + 2 \times (\text{Cl}_2\text{O}_{\text{desorbed}}) + (\text{Cl}_2)_{\text{produced}} \quad (21)$$

Taken as an example from Table 5, total chlorine taken up ( $1.17 \times 10^{17}$  molecule) equals the recovered amount ( $1.14 \times 10^{17}$  molecule) for a frozen KCl solu-



**Fig. 4.** The fractional yield of  $\text{Cl}_2$  generated from HOCl reacting at 200 K plotted as a function of the HOCl taken up on frozen KCl (▲), NaCl (◆) and on recrystallized SS (■) after correction for  $\text{Cl}_2$  production owing to  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  uptake following equation (22), (a). Similar experiments were performed on frozen NSS solution for  $[\text{HOCl}] = 4.5 \times 10^{11} \text{ molecule cm}^{-3}$ , (b). Each point represents a new sample at different reaction times and at identical  $[\text{HOCl}]$ ; the integration time is  $700 \pm 50 \text{ s}$ .

tion. The ratio between the surface  $\text{Cl}^-$  estimated from the measured  $\text{Cl}_2$  and the total chlorine deposited yields  $0.50 \pm 0.06$  which is larger by 50% ( $0.50/0.33$ ) compared to the value measured for pure  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  interacting with frozen KCl solution, in agreement with Table 5.

The presence of HOCl apparently leads to an additional depletion of surface  $\text{Cl}^-$ . Consequently, the HOCl taken up could contribute to the formation of 50% more  $\text{Cl}_2$  with respect to uptake of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  alone if we assume that  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  and HOCl are both taken up *independently*. As will be pointed out below, this assumption may not be valid in the present case. Results displayed in Tables 2 to 4 reveal that the uptake kinetics of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  is somewhat inhibited by the presence of HOCl

**Table 2.** Summary of  $\gamma$  values for fresh, that is non-poisoned, frozen salt solution at 200 K using the 4 and 14 mm diameter escape aperture.

Fresh frozen salt solution		KCl		NSS	
	Formation of HOCl	Slow for pure Cl <sub>2</sub> O uptake		None for pure Cl <sub>2</sub> O uptake	
	Formation of Cl <sub>2</sub>	Transient for HOCl uptake and for pure Cl <sub>2</sub> O uptake		Fast for HOCl and pure Cl <sub>2</sub> O uptake	
Kinetics ( $\gamma$ )	$\phi$ (mm)	4	14	4	14
HOCl/Cl <sub>2</sub> O mixture	HOCl (Cl <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>0</sub>	$(1.2\pm 0.5)\times 10^{-2}$	$(8.3\pm 2.5)\times 10^{-2}$	$(1.6\pm 0.5)\times 10^{-2}$	$(5.4\pm 1.6)\times 10^{-2}$
	HOCl (Cl <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>ss</sub>	$(2.8\pm 1.3)\times 10^{-3}$	$(2.5\pm 0.7)\times 10^{-2}$	$(2.5\pm 0.7)\times 10^{-3}$	$(2.6\pm 0.8)\times 10^{-2}$
	(Cl <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>0</sub>	$(3.0\pm 1.1)\times 10^{-2}$	$(1.8\pm 0.6)\times 10^{-1}$	$(1.6\pm 0.6)\times 10^{-2}$	$(1.8\pm 0.4)\times 10^{-1}$
	(Cl <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>ss</sub>	$(4.6\pm 0.8)\times 10^{-4}$	$(1.1\pm 0.3)\times 10^{-1}$	$(1.8\pm 0.9)\times 10^{-2}$	$(1.6\pm 0.6)\times 10^{-1}$
Pure Cl <sub>2</sub> O	(Cl <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>0</sub>	$(4.5\pm 1.4)\times 10^{-2}$	$(2.8\pm 1.1)\times 10^{-1}$	$(3.3\pm 1.4)\times 10^{-2}$	$(2.5\pm 0.7)\times 10^{-1}$
	(Cl <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>ss</sub>	$(4.7\pm 1.2)\times 10^{-3}$	$(1.4\pm 0.5)\times 10^{-1}$	$(2.8\pm 0.8)\times 10^{-3}$	$(2.3\pm 0.6)\times 10^{-1}$

**Table 3.** Summary of  $\gamma$  values for a poisoned (contaminated) frozen salt solution at 200 K using the 4 and 14 mm diameter escape aperture.

Contaminated frozen salt solution		KCl		NSS	
	Formation of HOCl	Slow for pure Cl <sub>2</sub> O uptake		None for pure Cl <sub>2</sub> O uptake	
	Formation of Cl <sub>2</sub>	Transient for HOCl uptake and for pure Cl <sub>2</sub> O uptake		Fast for HOCl and pure Cl <sub>2</sub> O uptake	
Kinetics ( $\gamma$ )	$\phi$ (mm)	4	14	4	14
HOCl/Cl <sub>2</sub> O mixture	HOCl (Cl <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>0</sub>	$(5.2\pm 2.3)\times 10^{-2}$	$(3.6\pm 0.5)\times 10^{-1}$	$(8.2\pm 2.2)\times 10^{-3}$	$(1.1\pm 0.6)\times 10^{-1}$
	HOCl (Cl <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>ss</sub>	$(3.7\pm 1.3)\times 10^{-3}$	$(1.7\pm 0.7)\times 10^{-2}$	$(1.3\pm 0.7)\times 10^{-3}$	$(2.0\pm 0.8)\times 10^{-2}$
	(Cl <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>0</sub>	$(2.1\pm 0.9)\times 10^{-2}$	$(2.7\pm 1.6)\times 10^{-1}$	$(2.8\pm 1.0)\times 10^{-2}$	$(2.3\pm 0.4)\times 10^{-1}$
	(Cl <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>ss</sub>	0	$(4.8\pm 1.9)\times 10^{-2}$	$(1.2\pm 1.2)\times 10^{-2}$	$(1.0\pm 0.3)\times 10^{-1}$
Pure Cl <sub>2</sub> O	(Cl <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>0</sub>	$(5.1\pm 1.4)\times 10^{-2}$	$(2.8\pm 0.9)\times 10^{-1}$	$(3.4\pm 1.4)\times 10^{-2}$	$(2.4\pm 0.9)\times 10^{-1}$
	(Cl <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>ss</sub>	$(1.9\pm 0.7)\times 10^{-3}$	$(8.0\pm 2.1)\times 10^{-2}$	$(6.7\pm 0.8)\times 10^{-3}$	$(2.4\pm 1.1)\times 10^{-1}$

which suggests a lower reactivity of HOCl on both frozen KCl as well as NSS solution compared to Cl<sub>2</sub>O.

For the frozen NSS solution we found that 20% of the produced Cl<sub>2</sub> originates from HOCl ( $0.85/0.70 = 1.21$ , see Table 5). This seemingly lower enhancement of Cl<sub>2</sub> production owing to the presence of HOCl for frozen NSS compared to KCl solution stems from the fact that the uptake of pure Cl<sub>2</sub>O on frozen NSS is already so important that it leaves no room for a large additional effect due to HOCl adsorption because of surface saturation of the uptake. In order to illustrate the yield difference of Cl<sub>2</sub> on frozen KCl and NSS solution upon uptake of the HOCl/Cl<sub>2</sub>O mixture, we have plotted the yield of Cl<sub>2</sub> as a function of the Cl<sub>2</sub>O taken up in Figure 3. We conclude that the Cl<sub>2</sub> yield is marginally larger on frozen KCl, NaCl or RSS solution compared to frozen NSS solution. When

**Table 4.** Summary of  $\gamma$  values for fresh frozen salt solutions at 215 K using the 4 mm diameter escape aperture.

Fresh Sample frozen solution	KCl	NSS
Formation of HOCl	Slow for pure Cl <sub>2</sub> O uptake	None for pure Cl <sub>2</sub> O uptake
Formation of Cl <sub>2</sub>	Transient for HOCl uptake and for pure Cl <sub>2</sub> O uptake	Fast for HOCl and pure Cl <sub>2</sub> O uptake
Kinetics ( $\gamma$ ) HOCl/Cl <sub>2</sub> O mixture	HOCl (Cl <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>0</sub>	$(3.7 \pm 0.8) \times 10^{-3}$
	HOCl (Cl <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>ss</sub>	$(2.1 \pm 0.6) \times 10^{-3}$
	(Cl <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>0</sub>	$(3.0 \pm 0.9) \times 10^{-2}$
	(Cl <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>ss</sub>	$(1.5 \pm 0.3) \times 10^{-2}$
Pure Cl <sub>2</sub> O	(Cl <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>0</sub>	$(4.2 \pm 1.1) \times 10^{-2}$
	(Cl <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>ss</sub>	$(1.4 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{-3}$

comparing Figures 2 and 3 the most striking feature is the differing slope for Cl<sub>2</sub> formation between uptake of pure Cl<sub>2</sub>O (Figure 2) or a mixture of Cl<sub>2</sub>O/HOCl (Figure 3). Table 5 reveals that for pure Cl<sub>2</sub>O uptake the Cl<sub>2</sub> yield increases by a factor of four in going from frozen KCl to NSS solution, whereas the yield of Cl<sub>2</sub>O taken up only increases by a mere factor of two at a given initial concentration. In contrast, for the mixture Cl<sub>2</sub>O/HOCl both the Cl<sub>2</sub> as well as the quantity of Cl<sub>2</sub>O taken up increase by a factor of four which leaves the slope in Figure 3 practically unchanged (1.53 vs. 1.39) when comparing frozen KCl with NSS solution. One should be aware that the enhancement factors from Table 5 refer to individual experiments whereas the slope changes in Figures 2 and 3 result from a least-squares fit to several experiments, thus corresponding to an average. This is the principal reason for the difference between the slope ratio of 2.8 displayed in Figure 2 compared to a factor of four difference in Cl<sub>2</sub> yield from Table 5 in going from KCl to NSS, both for pure Cl<sub>2</sub>O and HOCl/Cl<sub>2</sub>O.

#### Cl<sub>2</sub> formation from HOCl uptake

*In order to quantify the amount of HOCl taken up which forms Cl<sub>2</sub> on frozen KCl solution, several HOCl/Cl<sub>2</sub>O uptakes were performed. Under the assumption that HOCl and Cl<sub>2</sub>O interact independently on frozen solution (see remark above), the slopes in Figures 2 and 3 were used in order to separate the contribution of the generated Cl<sub>2</sub> of both HOCl and Cl<sub>2</sub>O. Using equations (22) and (23), it is possible to calculate the fraction of the HOCl taken up which leads to the formation of Cl<sub>2</sub>:*

$$\text{Cl}_2 (\text{HOCl contribution}) = \text{Cl}_2 (\text{HOCl/Cl}_2\text{O mixture}) - \text{Cl}_2 (\text{calculated, pure Cl}_2\text{O uptake}) \quad (22)$$

$$\text{Cl}_2 (\text{calculated, pure Cl}_2\text{O uptake}) = \text{Cl}_2\text{O} (\text{HOCl/Cl}_2\text{O mixture}) \times S_{(\text{pure Cl}_2\text{O uptake})} \quad (23)$$

where Cl<sub>2</sub> (HOCl/Cl<sub>2</sub>O mixture) is the Cl<sub>2</sub> yield generated from simultaneous uptake of both Cl<sub>2</sub>O and HOCl, Cl<sub>2</sub> (calculated, pure Cl<sub>2</sub>O uptake) is the Cl<sub>2</sub> yield generated

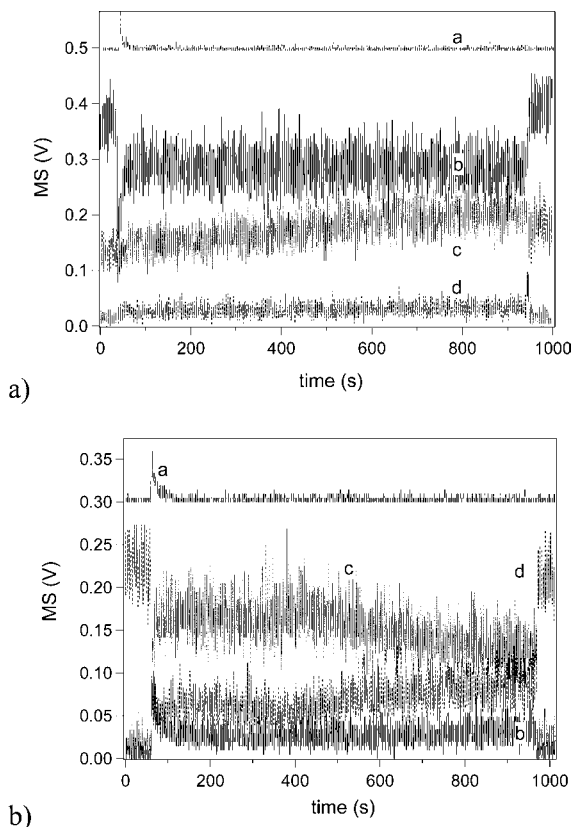


according to reactions (18) and (19) and calculated using the corresponding slopes  $S_{(\text{pure Cl}_2\text{O uptake})}$  from Figure 2. In order to determine the fraction of  $\text{HOCl}$  that results in  $\text{Cl}_2$ ,  $\text{Cl}_2$  ( $\text{HOCl contribution}$ ) calculated from equation (22) is plotted as a function of  $\text{HOCl}$  taken up as shown in Figure 4. The slopes in Figure 4a and 4b are  $0.30 \pm 0.10$  on frozen  $\text{KCl}$ ,  $\text{NaCl}$  and recrystallized sea salt (RSS), and  $0.23 \pm 0.13$  on frozen NSS solution, respectively, at 200 K. Given the scatter in the results displayed in Figure 4b, we conclude that between 10 and 40% of the  $\text{HOCl}$  taken up is converted to  $\text{Cl}_2$  on both frozen  $\text{KCl}$  and NSS solution at 200 K, independent of the frozen substrate and after correction for the formation of  $\text{Cl}_2$  from  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  following equations (22) and (23).

In conclusion the data displayed in Figure 2 reveal that the  $\text{Cl}_2$  yield per  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  taken up is 2.8 times higher for NSS than for the remainder of the substrates for pure  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$ , that is without interference from  $\text{HOCl}$ . Figure 3 reveals that for the  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}/\text{HOCl}$  mixture the  $\text{Cl}_2$  yield per  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  taken up is significantly higher on all  $\text{Cl}$ -containing substrates compared to pure  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$ . It is suggested that this yield increase, expressed as an average slope of 1.46 in Figure 3 compared to 1.11 in Figure 2 is due to the presence of  $\text{HOCl}$  in the reacting gas. Figure 4 finally displays a fairly weak  $\text{Cl}_2$  yield of  $0.3 \pm 0.1$  per  $\text{HOCl}$  taken up, regardless of the substrate and after correction for the  $\text{Cl}_2$  yield caused by  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$ . We propose to use the slopes as a parameter describing the relative propensity of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{HOCl}$  to generate  $\text{Cl}_2$  from chloride-containing substrates at 200 K. It thus turns out that  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  generates roughly twice the  $\text{Cl}_2$  yield compared to  $\text{HOCl}$  taking the ratio of slopes of 1.11 vs. 0.3 and normalizing the yield per  $\text{Cl}$  atom capable of generating  $\text{Cl}_2$ . In addition, Table 5 reveals that a large fraction of  $\text{HOCl}$  may be recovered through desorption at 240 K in contrast to  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  that has all but disappeared. In summary, the quantitative results show that the  $\text{Cl}_2$  yields per  $\text{HOCl}$  taken up are significantly lower than for pure  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  taken up on both frozen  $\text{KCl}$ ,  $\text{NaCl}$ , RSS and NSS solutions thus reflecting the lower reactivity of  $\text{HOCl}$  compared to  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  for uptake on frozen halide solutions. This remains valid even when taking into account the redox properties of humic-like substances that may occur in NSS [33,34].

#### 4. $\text{Br}_2$ single pulse event

Immediately after the exposure of the  $\text{HOCl}/\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  mixture or pure  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  on the frozen NSS solution for concentrations larger than  $10^{11}$  molecule  $\text{cm}^{-3}$ , a single  $\text{Br}_2$  pulse event of approximately  $(1.0 \pm 0.3) \times 10^{15}$  molecules occurs during the first moments of the experiment.  $\text{Br}_2$  pulse events are displayed in Figures 5a and 5b for pure  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{HOCl}/\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  uptake on NSS frozen solution, respectively. By performing repetitive uptake experiment on frozen NSS solution, we do not detect additional  $\text{Br}_2$  bursts. We thought at first that only the surface adsorbed  $\text{Br}^-$  were consumed in the first  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  or  $\text{HOCl}$  uptake. However, no additional  $\text{Br}_2$  bursts could be observed once the exposed sample had melted and



**Fig. 5.** Uptake of pure  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  (a) and  $\text{HOCl}/\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  mixture (b) on frozen NSS solution at 200 K for an escape orifice of 4 mm diameter. The symbols a, b, c and d correspond to the MS signal of  $\text{Br}_2$  ( $m/e$  160),  $\text{HOCl}$  ( $m/e$  52),  $\text{Cl}_2$  ( $m/e$  70) and  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  ( $m/e$  51), respectively.

let above 273 K for 20 minutes before freezing the sample and performing a second  $\text{HOCl}$  or  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  uptake. This may be related to the slow rate of diffusional mixing at temperatures in the vicinity of 273 K which prevents the effective replacement of a  $\text{Br}$ -depleted solution from the interface by fresh bulk.

One in 600 of  $\text{NaCl}$  is  $\text{Br}^-$  in NSS solution resulting in approximately 0.001 M of  $\text{Br}^-$ . This represents approximately  $6 \times 10^{20}$   $\text{Br}^-$  per  $\text{dm}^3$  of solution. In the present experiments, 5 ml of solution containing  $35 \text{ g l}^{-1}$  of NSS was poured into the sample holder and resulted in  $V_{\text{frozen}} = V_{\text{sol}} (\rho_{\text{frozen}}/\rho_{\text{sol}}) = 4.5 \text{ cm}^3$ , where  $V_{\text{sol}} = 5 \text{ cm}^3$  is the volume of the liquid solution,  $\rho_{\text{sol}} = 1.02 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$  and  $\rho_{\text{frozen}} = 0.92 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$  are the densities of the liquid and of the frozen solution, respectively. This amounts to  $3 \times 10^{18}$   $\text{Br}^- \text{ cm}^{-3}$  and reveals that  $2 \times 10^{15}/2.7 \times 10^{18} = 0.08\%$  of the total  $\text{Br}^-$  in the sample was available to

react and produce  $\text{Br}_2$  on frozen NSS solution at 200 K for both  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{HOCl}/\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  uptake.

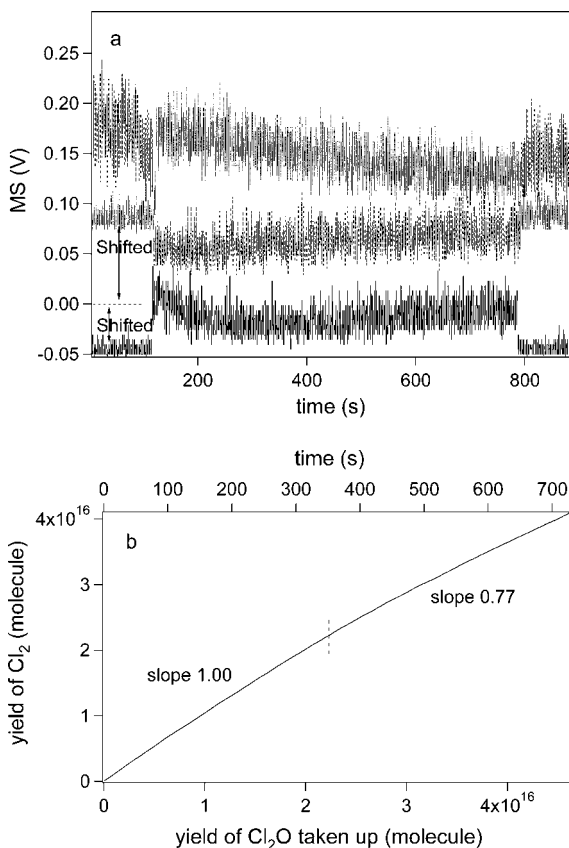
It was found in previous work [35] that  $\text{HOBr}$  taken up on frozen chloride solution is completely converted to  $\text{BrCl}$  rather than transformed to  $\text{Br}_2$ . In contrast,  $\text{HOCl}$  taken up on frozen bromide solution mostly produces  $\text{Br}_2$ . In conclusion, even if only 0.08%  $\text{Br}^-$  is activated in the atmosphere, it could have significant implication on the composition of the marine boundary layer because only catalytic amounts of  $\text{Br}_2$  are necessary to start polar sunrise chemistry.

## 5. Influence of concentration, residence time and temperature on the $\text{Cl}_2$ yield

Switching from the 4 to 14 mm diameter escape aperture reduces both the residence time as well as the pressure in the reactor by a factor of 12 according to Table 1. Under those conditions the chlorine mass balance for uptake of both pure  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{HOCl}/\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  at  $T = 200$  K is not satisfied anymore as may be seen from Table 6 because 20 to 30% of the dosed chlorine is not recoverable by thermal desorption at 240 K. The quantity of dissolved  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  and/or  $\text{HOCl}$  is probably too small for it to desorb at 240 K.

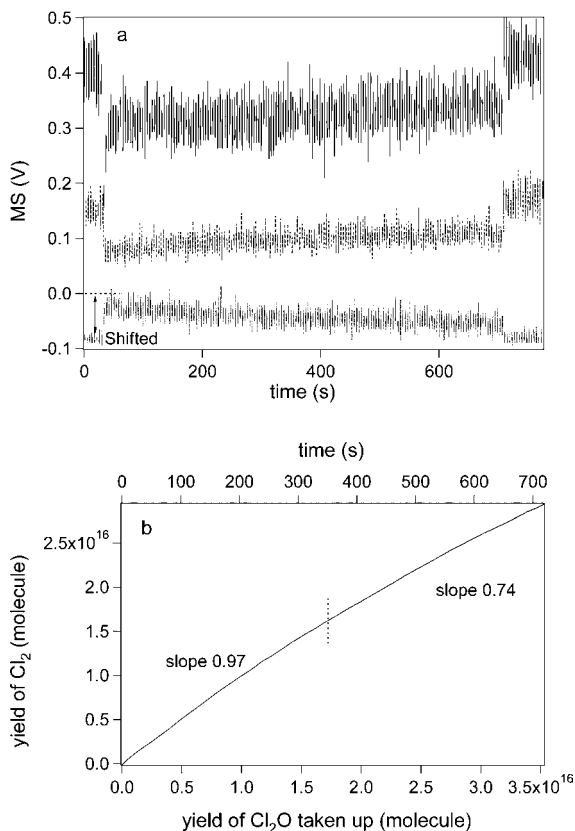
Figure 6b displays the yield of  $\text{Cl}_2$  resulting from pure  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  uptake on frozen  $\text{KCl}$  solution at 200 K as a function of time as well as of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  taken up for a single uptake experiment. A slope of 1.0 means that 50% of the chlorine taken up as  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  turns up as  $\text{Cl}_2$ . We note that the scale of the exposure time is not necessary linear with the uptake of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  as it depends on the temporal dependence of the uptake. The data in Figure 6b are to be compared with Figure 7b corresponding to  $\text{HOCl}/\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  uptake on frozen  $\text{KCl}$  solution at 200 K. Comparison of the slopes in Figures 6b and 7b at steady state (for  $t > 350$  s) leads to the conclusion that they are identical within experimental uncertainty. The same is true for  $\text{HOCl}/\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  uptake on frozen NSS solution at 200 K whose data are not shown. This together with a comparison of the cumulative yields of  $\text{Cl}_2$  relative to  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{HOCl}$  in pure  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{HOCl}/\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  uptakes at 200 K, respectively, strongly suggests that the uptake of  $\text{HOCl}$  by itself does not lead to  $\text{Cl}_2$  formation at the low partial pressures used under the assumption that  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{HOCl}$  uptake are independent of each other. Table 5 hints at the inhibition of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  uptake in the presence of  $\text{HOCl}$  as do the data of Table 5, as mentioned above, and suggest that the assumption of complete independence between  $\text{HOCl}$  and  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  may not hold. Consequently,  $\text{HOCl}$  is reactive only on frozen salt solutions for concentrations on the order of  $10^{11}$   $\text{HOCl cm}^{-3}$  corresponding to 10 ppb or more. This in turn suggests that the species taken up is in reality  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  whose formation from  $\text{HOCl}$  is favored at high  $[\text{HOCl}]$ .

Uptake experiments of pure  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{HOCl}/\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  at 215 K obtained in the 4 mm diameter aperture reactor revealed the same results as for the 14 mm diameter orifice reactor discussed above, namely that there is no additional for-



**Fig. 6.** (a) and (b): pure  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  uptake on frozen KCl solution at 200 K for  $[\text{Cl}_2\text{O}] = 1.9 \times 10^{10} \text{ molecule cm}^{-3}$  using an escape orifice of 14 mm diameter. (b)  $\text{Cl}_2$  yield as a function of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  taken up for raw data displayed in (a). On graph (a), the dotted and solid curves show the formation of  $\text{Cl}_2$  and  $\text{HOCl}$ , respectively. The hashed curve corresponds to uptake of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$ .

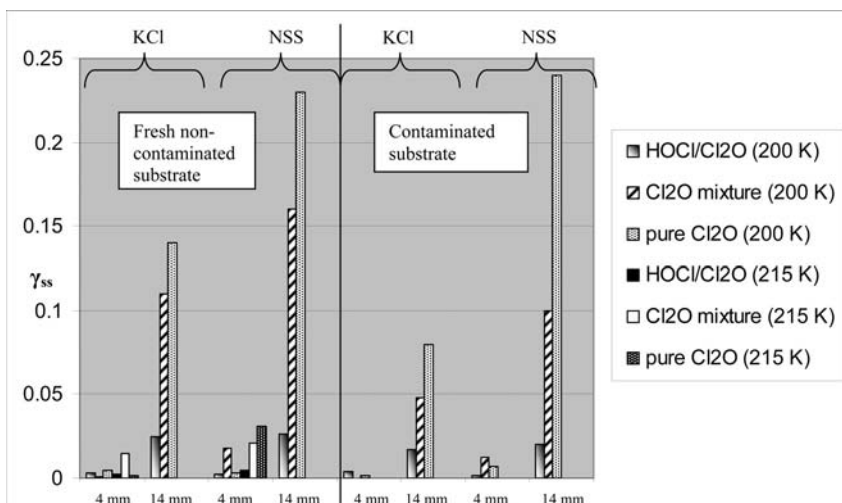
mation of  $\text{Cl}_2$  due to heterogeneous interaction of  $\text{HOCl}$  with frozen salt solutions beyond the one generated by the reaction of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$ . Moreover, the  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  heterogeneous reaction is again significantly inhibited by the presence of  $\text{HOCl}$ . Comparison of the  $\text{Cl}_2$  yields with  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{HOCl}$  uptake at 215 K/4 mm diameter orifice reactor listed in Table 6 confirms both results, namely absence of  $\text{Cl}_2$  formation from  $\text{HOCl}$  alone, and strong inhibition of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  uptake in the presence of  $\text{HOCl}$ . Figures 13 and 14 present time-dependent cumulative yields of  $\text{Cl}_2$  also as a function of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  uptake, and confirm the above conclusions. It therefore seems that  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  is more reactive than  $\text{HOCl}$  on frozen salt solutions at 200 and 215 K as far as  $\text{Cl}_2$  release is concerned. In addition, the slightly larger slopes in going from Figures 13a and 14a indicate that the  $\text{Cl}_2$  yields per  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  taken up increase with temperature in the range 200 to 215 K.



**Fig. 7.** (a) and (b).  $\text{HOCl}/\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  uptake on frozen  $\text{KCl}$  solution at 200 K for  $[\text{HOCl}] = 3.7 \times 10^{10} \text{ molecule cm}^{-3}$  using an escape orifice of 14 mm diameter. (b)  $\text{Cl}_2$  yield as a function of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  taken up and exposure time  $t$  for raw data displayed in (a). On graph (a), the dotted and solid curves show the formation of  $\text{Cl}_2$  and the uptake of  $\text{HOCl}$ , respectively. The dashed curve corresponds to uptake of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$ .

## 6. Uptake coefficient of $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$ and $\text{HOCl}$

The uptake kinetics for fresh frozen  $\text{KCl}$  solutions at 200 K are displayed in Table 2 and Figure 8 in terms of  $\gamma_{\text{ss}}(\text{HOCl})$  which increases by a factor of ten when  $[\text{HOCl}]$  decreases from  $10^{11}$  to  $10^{10} \text{ molecule cm}^{-3}$  (see Table 1). Uptake coefficients were obtained by averaging over at least two uptake experiments. We also note that  $\gamma_{\text{ss}}(\text{Cl}_2\text{O})$  for the mixture  $\text{HOCl}/\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  is less than  $10^{-3}$  for  $[\text{HOCl}] > 10^{11} \text{ molecule cm}^{-3}$ , but is larger than 0.1 for  $[\text{HOCl}] < 10^{11} \text{ molecule cm}^{-3}$ . This inhibition effect was briefly discussed above in relation to the total uptakes and may occur owing to high surface concentrations of both  $\text{HOCl}$



**Fig. 8.** Synopsis of steady state uptake coefficients  $\gamma_{ss}$  for HOCl and Cl<sub>2</sub>O on frozen salt solutions of KCl and NSS at different experimental conditions. The uptake coefficient measured corresponds to the species first mentioned in the legend. The uncertainties in  $\gamma_{ss}$  are estimated as  $\pm 10\%$ .

and/or Cl<sub>2</sub>O. This may lead to surface site saturation on the time scale of the experiment and reveals complex kinetics at the gas-condensed phase interface.

$\gamma_{ss}(\text{Cl}_2\text{O})$  for pure Cl<sub>2</sub>O uptake at  $[\text{Cl}_2\text{O}] < 10^{11}$  molecule cm<sup>-3</sup> is larger than 0.05 on fresh and poisoned frozen KCl solution as displayed in Tables 2 and 3, respectively. In addition,  $\gamma_{ss}(\text{Cl}_2\text{O})$  for pure Cl<sub>2</sub>O on frozen KCl solution for  $[\text{Cl}_2\text{O}]$  between  $10^{10}$  to  $10^{12}$  molecule cm<sup>-3</sup> decreases by a factor of two for the second uptake. In contrast,  $\gamma_{ss}(\text{Cl}_2\text{O})$  for pure Cl<sub>2</sub>O on frozen NSS solution increases at least by a factor of two for the second uptake for  $[\text{Cl}_2\text{O}] > 10^{11}$  molecule cm<sup>-3</sup> (4 mm diameter orifice). However,  $\gamma_{ss}(\text{HOCl}(\text{Cl}_2\text{O}))$  on frozen NSS solution did not change for concentrations ranging from  $10^{10}$  to  $10^{12}$  molecule cm<sup>-3</sup> and for a fresh or a previously poisoned sample within the experimental uncertainty as displayed in Tables 3 and 4.

The measured uptake coefficient of Cl<sub>2</sub>O for the mixture HOCl/Cl<sub>2</sub>O,  $\gamma_{ss}(\text{Cl}_2\text{O}(\text{HOCl}))$ , interacting with frozen NSS solution for  $[\text{HOCl}]$  ranging from  $10^{10}$  to  $10^{12}$  molecule cm<sup>-3</sup> was found to be ten times smaller compared to the uptake of pure Cl<sub>2</sub>O on the same substrate, that is in the absence of HOCl. This may be explained either by the reverse of reaction (12) when HOCl is admitted into the reactor and more Cl<sub>2</sub>O is generated on the ice that may lead to surface saturation, or by the known propensity of HOCl to poison ice surfaces that is in contrast to the adsorption of Cl<sub>2</sub>O on pure ice discussed in 3.1.

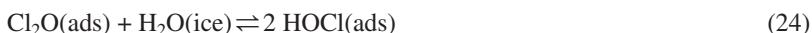
In summary, the kinetics of repetitive uptake for both Cl<sub>2</sub>O and HOCl on a frozen KCl or NSS salt solution will lead to a decrease of  $\gamma_{ss}$ . In contrast,  $\gamma_{ss}$

increases when the sum of [HOCl] and [Cl<sub>2</sub>O] decrease below 10<sup>11</sup> molecule cm<sup>-3</sup>. In addition,  $\gamma_{ss}$  is generally larger on frozen NSS compared to KCl salt solution for a given HOCl and Cl<sub>2</sub>O concentration at 200 or 215 K (see Tables 3, 4 and 5 and Figure 8). Figure 8 conveys an impression on the relative magnitude of  $\gamma_{ss}$  of HOCl vs. Cl<sub>2</sub>O and underlines the fact that Cl<sub>2</sub>O uptake is significantly faster under all conditions. Previous work [31] has investigated the HOCl uptake on frozen KCl ice film of 0.1% by weight at 233 K which resulted in  $\gamma_{ss}(\text{HOCl}) < 4.7 \times 10^{-2}$ . In the present work, we have used a concentration of 35 g l<sup>-1</sup> of KCl which corresponds to approximately 0.2% by weight of Cl<sup>-</sup>. For a frozen KCl and NSS salt solution at 215 K we have obtained  $\gamma_{ss}(\text{HOCl}) = (2.1 \pm 0.6) \times 10^{-3}$  and  $\gamma_{ss}(\text{Cl}_2\text{O}) = (4.6 \pm 1.4) \times 10^{-3}$ , respectively. These values are consistent with the results presented by Huff and Abbatt at 233 K [35].

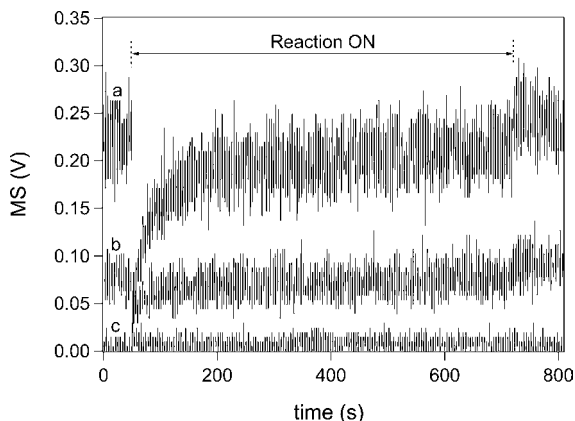
## 7. Atmospheric implications and conclusions

We conclude that significant differences in the yield of Cl<sub>2</sub> owing to Cl<sub>2</sub>O uptake were observed depending on the nature of the frozen substrate. For this reason KCl and NaCl may not in general be used as a model for NSS that shows special properties in comparison with the other three chloride-containing substrates, namely KCl, NaCl and RSS frozen solution. The reason for this special behaviour may lie either in the buffering capacity or the presence of oxidizable organic substances, as alluded to above.

HOCl is thermodynamically unstable and is in equilibrium with Cl<sub>2</sub>O according to reaction (12) and its inverse. The standard heat of reaction of equilibrium (12),  $\Delta H_r^0$ , has been measured by several authors, but we prefer the value of Knauth et al. [23] owing to the quality of this study with  $\Delta H_r^0 = 2.7 \pm 0.2$  kcal/Mol leading to  $K^{298} = 0.082$  (dimensionless). The kinetic results of this work including the comparison of the reactivity of pure Cl<sub>2</sub>O and a (non-equilibrium) mixture of HOCl/Cl<sub>2</sub>O which we are able to prepare with routinely 25% Cl<sub>2</sub>O in the HOCl sample (see Experimental) suggest that the equilibrium (12) lies on the side of adsorbed HOCl in the presence of ice or frozen aqueous salt solutions according to equilibrium (24):



The present results are consistent with a parallel reaction scheme in which Cl<sub>2</sub>O directly reacts with Cl<sup>-</sup> to Cl<sub>2</sub>, either through halogen exchange, reaction (19), or through a redox reaction on NSS as mentioned above. Unreacted Cl<sub>2</sub>O may form HOCl(ads) that is non-reactive by itself but that slowly may react on the ice surface by way of equilibrium (24) and regenerate reactive Cl<sub>2</sub>O. Therefore, equilibrium (24) is essential in considering the heterogeneous halogen forming potential of HOCl in the troposphere at suitably low temperatures. The possible reason for the exothermicity of equilibrium (24) in the forward direction, which is in contrast to the gas phase, may lie in the ability of HOCl to form



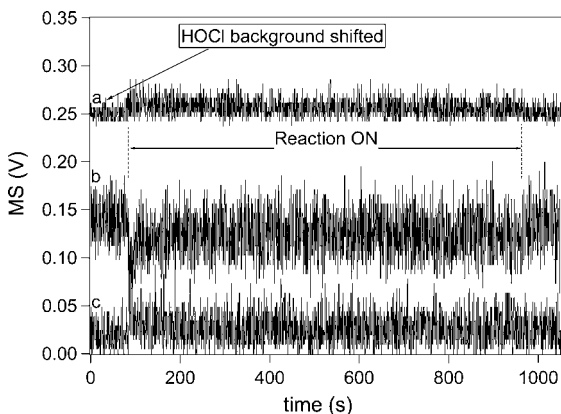
**Fig. 9.** HOCl uptake on pure bulk (B) ice held at 200 K using the 4 mm diameter escape aperture. Curves a (HOCl), b ( $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$ ) and c ( $\text{Cl}_2$ ) were monitored at  $m/e = 52, 51$  and  $70$ , respectively. The HOCl and  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  flow rates correspond to  $(5.0 \pm 1.5) \times 10^{14}$  and  $(1.1 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{14}$  molecule  $\text{s}^{-1}$ , respectively. The corresponding concentrations of HOCl and  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  were  $4.5 \times 10^{11}$  and  $1.5 \times 10^{11}$  molecule  $\text{cm}^{-3}$ , respectively.

strong hydrogen bonds with the ice surface, a property that  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  lacks. Although we do not observe  $\text{Cl}_2$  formation by HOCl itself at low residence times (14 mm diameter orifice) or at higher temperature of 215 K in the present experiments we cannot discount the possibility that  $\text{Cl}_2$  may form at atmospherically meaningful time scales such as days if we allow the ice substrate to accumulate sufficient HOCl such that reactive  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  may be generated following equilibrium (24). Formation of  $\text{Cl}_2$  is subsequently expected in view of the high reactivity of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}(\text{ads})$  observed in the present study. We therefore postulate that there is a role for HOCl in regards to formation of  $\text{Cl}_2$  in marine boundary layer chemistry at low temperatures although there is no experimental proof available from gas phase measurements yet.

There have been a number of theoretical studies on the interaction of HOCl with ice surfaces, but none with  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  such that the quantitative aspects of equilibrium (24) remain to be elucidated [36–38]. However, the present results offer a glimpse on the qualitative behaviour of adsorbed HOCl/ $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  by using the  $\text{Cl}_2$  formation as a probe. The present results are also broadly consistent with Huff and Abbatt [25] who conducted the only other study with which the present work is comparable. They noted that HOCl is nonreactive on ice substrates at 233 and 248 K and provided upper limits for  $\gamma_{\text{ss}}$  that are consistent with the present values.

In an atmospheric context, we may estimate the yield of  $\text{Cl}_2$  from the uptake of HOCl on marine ices using the present experimental results. From the work of Huff et Abbatt [25], it is possible to estimate the flux of the dry deposition of HOCl using  $F = v C$ , where  $v$  is the vertical deposition velocity in  $\text{cm s}^{-1}$  and

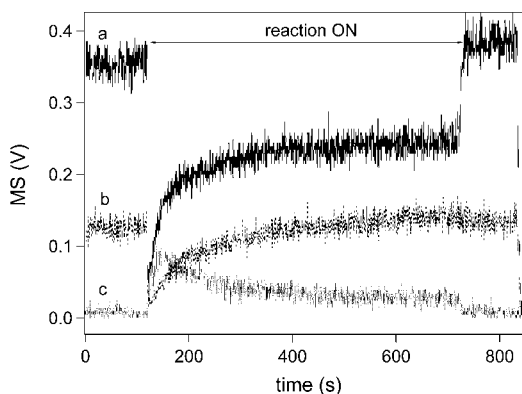
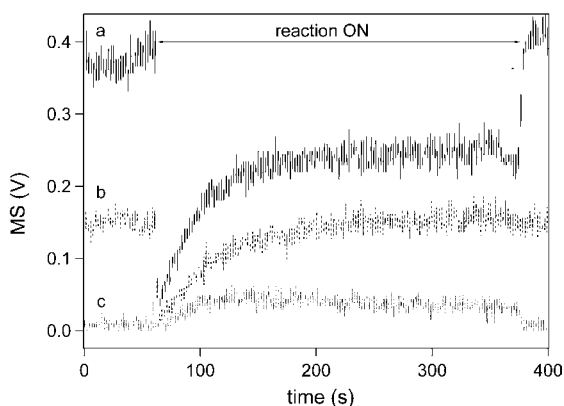




**Fig. 10.** Cl<sub>2</sub>O uptake on pure bulk (B) ice held at 200 K using the 4mm diameter escape aperture. Curves a (HOCl), b (Cl<sub>2</sub>O) and c (Cl<sub>2</sub>) were monitored at  $m/e = 52, 51$  and  $70$ , respectively. The Cl<sub>2</sub>O impurity flow rate was  $(2.4 \pm 0.6) \times 10^{14}$  molecule s<sup>-1</sup>.

C is the HOCl concentration in the atmosphere in molecule cm<sup>-3</sup>. Results from field measurements revealed that the concentration of chloride compounds that could be photolysed (HOCl or Cl<sub>2</sub>) is approximately 10 ppt [7] which corresponds to  $2.95 \times 10^8$  HOCl cm<sup>-3</sup> in the spring time. The vertical velocity of the dry deposition is calculated using  $v = 1/(R_a + R_b + R_c)$ , where  $R_a$  is the transport of HOCl across the atmospheric boundary layer,  $R_b$  is the molecular diffusion term and  $R_c$  is the contribution of the heterogeneous reaction expressed in s cm<sup>-1</sup>.  $R_a = (1/uk^2)(\ln(z/z_0))^2$ , where  $u$  is the wind velocity taken as 1000 cm s<sup>-1</sup>,  $k$  is a proportionality factor equal to 0.4,  $z_0 = 10^{-5}$  m is the length of the ice roughness and  $z$  is the height of an atmospheric layer taken to be 100 m [39]. In addition,  $R_b = z_0/D(\text{HOCl})$  where  $D(\text{HOCl}) = 0.105$  cm<sup>2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> is the HOCl diffusion coefficient in air. Finally,  $R_c = 4/\gamma c$  where  $c$  is the mean molecular velocity of HOCl. Using as an estimate  $\gamma_{ss}(\text{HOCl}) \approx 2 \times 10^{-3}$  on frozen NSS solution at 200 K for  $[\text{HOCl}] > 10^{11}$  molecule cm<sup>-3</sup> (see Table 2), we obtain  $v(\text{HOCl}) = 0.589$  cm s<sup>-1</sup> which leads to  $F(\text{HOCl}) = (2.95 \times 10^8 \text{ molecule cm}^{-3})(0.589 \text{ cm s}^{-1}) = 1.74 \times 10^8 \text{ molecule cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ . Under the assumption that 30% of HOCl taken up on marine ice is converted to Cl<sub>2</sub> at 200 K, we estimate that  $F(\text{Cl}_2) = (1.74 \times 10^8 \text{ molecule cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1})(0.30) = 5.22 \times 10^7 \text{ molecule cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$  at 200 K.

By considering the formation of Cl<sub>2</sub> as an upper limit from the reaction of HOCl on marine ice for half a day, we obtain  $(5.22 \times 10^7 \text{ molecule cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1})(43200 \text{ s}) = 2.25 \times 10^{12}$  molecule of Cl<sub>2</sub> produced per cm<sup>2</sup> of marine ice per day. If Cl<sub>2</sub> is mixed homogeneously in the atmosphere within a layer of 100 m, the Cl<sub>2</sub> concentration could reach up to  $2.25 \times 10^8$  molecule cm<sup>-3</sup> or 9 ppt. This order of magnitude estimate may confirm that halogen

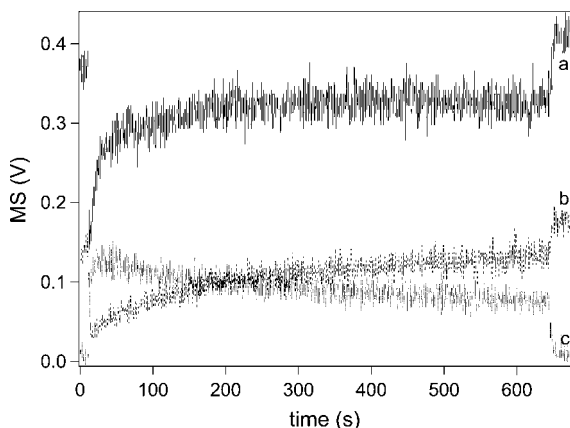
**a) First uptake (fresh sample)****b) Second uptake (poisoned sample)**

**Fig. 11.** Repetitive HOCl uptake on frozen KCl solution at 200 K. The HOCl and Cl<sub>2</sub>O flow rate were  $8 \times 10^{14}$  and  $2 \times 10^{14}$  molecule s<sup>-1</sup>, respectively. The traces a, b and c are related to HOCl (m/e 52), Cl<sub>2</sub>O (m/e 51) and Cl<sub>2</sub> (m/e 70) MS signal, respectively at 200 K, 4 mm diameter orifice.

activation effectively could lead to an important destruction of hydrocarbons and ozone in the marine boundary layer during arctic spring time.

The conclusions from the present work may be summarized as follows:

From the comparison of the interaction of pure Cl<sub>2</sub>O on the one hand, and of a non-equilibrium mixture of HOCl/Cl<sub>2</sub>O on several types of chlorine-containing substrates in the range 200 to 215 K we obtain the indication that the reactivity of Cl<sub>2</sub>O is significantly larger than that of HOCl in regards to the formation of Cl<sub>2</sub>. As an example, the Cl<sub>2</sub> yield resulting from the interaction of Cl<sub>2</sub>O on a frozen salt solution at 200 K is twice that of HOCl.



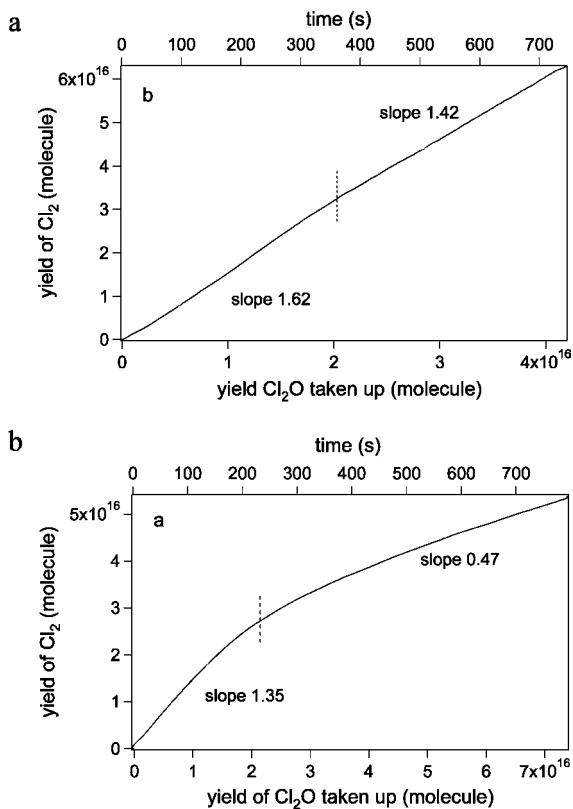
**Fig. 12.**  $\text{HOCl}$  uptake on frozen acidified  $\text{KCl}$  solution at 200 K. The  $\text{HOCl}$  (a) and  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  (b) flow rate were  $9 \times 10^{14}$  and  $2.4 \times 10^{14}$  molecule  $\text{s}^{-1}$ , respectively, and led to  $\text{Cl}_2$  (c) production. The frozen  $\text{KCl}$  solution was buffered with 0.068 M  $\text{NaOH}$ , 0.056 M citric acid and 0.044 M  $\text{NaCl}$  ( $\text{pH} = 4.0$ ) at 200 K, 4 mm diameter orifice.

Excellent chlorine mass balances are obtained under certain conditions at 200 K, but not at low residence times and/or low pressures as well as at 215 K.

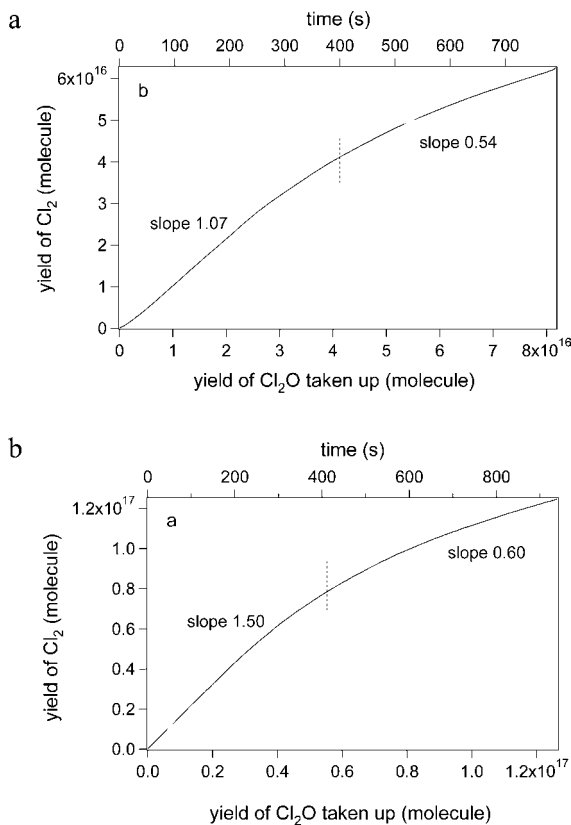
Uptake of both  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{HOCl}$  on frozen NSS (natural sea salt) solution is sustained for at least an hour in contrast to other chlorine-containing substrates such as frozen  $\text{KCl}$ ,  $\text{NaCl}$  and RSS (recrystallized sea salt) solution. The facile reactive uptake of  $\text{HOCl}$  and  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  on NSS may be due to the natural buffering capacity or the presence of oxidizable organics in NSS that both are thought to support the formation of  $\text{Cl}_2$ .

$\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  and/or  $\text{HOCl}$  uptake on NSS leads to a one-time  $\text{Br}_2$  release in a burst mode that may be significant in relation to marine boundary layer chemistry in the springtime arctic.

Owing to the thermodynamic instability of  $\text{HOCl}$  in the gas phase the fate/formation of the corresponding thermodynamically stable anhydride,  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$ , must also be considered in the presence of a substrate with which both species interact. Considering the equilibrium between adsorbed  $\text{HOCl}$  and  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  on ice it is likely that the gateway to formation of  $\text{Cl}_2$  passes through the formation of adsorbed, reactive  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  by way of adsorption of gas phase  $\text{HOCl}$  on the surface of the frozen aqueous halide.



**Fig. 13.** Uptake of pure  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  (a) and  $\text{HOCl}/\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  (b) on frozen KCl solution at 200 K for  $[\text{HOCl}] = 4.5 \times 10^{11} \text{ molecule cm}^{-3}$  (4 mm diameter escape orifice). The  $\text{Cl}_2$  yield is plotted as a function of exposure time and  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  taken up.



**Fig. 14.** Uptake of pure  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  (a) and  $\text{HOCl}/\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  (b) on frozen KCl solution at 215 K for  $[\text{HOCl}] = 4.5 \times 10^{11} \text{ molecule cm}^{-3}$  (4 mm diameter escape orifice). The  $\text{Cl}_2$  yield is plotted as a function of exposure time and  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  taken up.

## Appendix

**Table 5.** Summary of mass balance for uptake experiments of HOCl/Cl<sub>2</sub>O and pure Cl<sub>2</sub>O on frozen KCl and Natural Sea Salt (NSS) solutions at 200 K at concentrations in excess of 10<sup>11</sup> molecule cm<sup>-3</sup> (4 mm diameter escape orifice)<sup>a</sup>. Integration time is 700±50 s.

Reactants	Escape orifice (mm)	Uptake		Products		Thermal desorption at 240 K of chlorine-containing species		Uptake of chlorine species	Recovery of chlorine species	Relative Cl <sub>2</sub> yield	Ratio desorbed vs. remaining HOCl
		(10 <sup>17</sup> Cl <sub>2</sub> O)	(10 <sup>17</sup> HOCl)	(10 <sup>17</sup> Cl <sub>2</sub> )	(10 <sup>17</sup> HOCl)	(10 <sup>17</sup> Cl <sub>2</sub> O)	(10 <sup>17</sup> HOCl)	(10 <sup>17</sup> )	(10 <sup>17</sup> )		
Cl <sub>2</sub> O/ KCl (200 K)	4	0.73	0	0.49	0.84	0.016	0.20	1.47	1.56	0.33	-
HOCl/ KCl (200 K)	4	0.27	0.63	0.58	-	0.034	0.49	1.17	1.14	0.50	0.77
Cl <sub>2</sub> O/ NSS (200 K)	4	1.41	0	1.96	0.097	0.037	0.70	2.82	2.83	0.70	-
HOCl/ NSS (200 K)	4	1.12	0.80	2.58	-	0.043	0.63	3.04	3.30	0.85	0.79

<sup>a</sup> Each individual yield measurement has an uncertainty of 5% resulting in a 20% uncertainty in the mass balance.

**Table 6.** Summary of mass balance for uptake experiments of HOCl/Cl<sub>2</sub>O and pure Cl<sub>2</sub>O on frozen KCl and Natural Sea Salt (NSS) solutions at different temperatures and gas phase residence times at concentrations in excess of 10<sup>11</sup> molecule cm<sup>-3</sup> (4 and 14 mm diameter escape orifice)<sup>a</sup>.

Reactants	Escape orifice (mm)	Uptake		Products		Thermal desorption at 240 K of chlorine-containing species		Uptake of chlorine species	Recovery of chlorine species	Relative Cl <sub>2</sub> yield	Ratio desorbed vs. remaining HOCl
		(10 <sup>17</sup> Cl <sub>2</sub> O)	(10 <sup>17</sup> HOCl)	(10 <sup>17</sup> Cl <sub>2</sub> )	(10 <sup>17</sup> HOCl)	(10 <sup>17</sup> Cl <sub>2</sub> O)	(10 <sup>17</sup> HOCl)	(10 <sup>17</sup> )	(10 <sup>17</sup> )		
Cl <sub>2</sub> O/KCl (215 K)	4	1.20	0	1.19	0.60	0	0	2.40	1.79	0.50	-
HOCl/KCl (215 K)	4	0.80	1.00	0.62	-	0	0	2.60	0.62	0.24	0
Cl <sub>2</sub> O/NSS (215 K)	4	0.83	0	1.10	0.63	0	0	1.67	1.73	0.66	-
HOCl/NSS (215 K)	4	0.80	0.92	0.82	-	0	0	2.50	0.82	0.33	0
Cl <sub>2</sub> O/KCl (200 K)	14	0.52	0	0.40	0.39	0	0	1.04	0.79	0.37	-
HOCl/KCl (200 K)	14	0.17	0.38	0.18	-	0	0	0.72	0.18	0.25	0
Cl <sub>2</sub> O/SS (200 K)	14	0.61	0	0.79	0.97	0	0	1.22	0.89	0.65	-
HOCl/SS (200 K)	14	0.24	0.45	0.25	-	0	0	0.93	0.25	0.27	0

<sup>a</sup> Each individual yield measurement has an uncertainty of 5% resulting in a 20% uncertainty in the mass balance.

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